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Commissioner

To: District Superintendents  
From: Peter McWalters, Commissioner  
Date: May 17, 2004  
Re: **Information Works! 2004**

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The complete Information Works! 2004 School, District, and State reports are now posted on line at the Information Works! Web site, [www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu](http://www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu)

This posting is right on schedule. We have sent the State Report out for publication, and it should be ready for distribution in about two weeks. We will send you copies of the State Report booklet as soon as we receive them.

The School, District, and State reports include information on assessments and accountability, the value-added tables that show how well students in each school performed compared with similar students statewide, data on finances (In\$ite), demographics, SALT Survey responses regarding school climate, learning-support indicators, attendance and dropout rates, teacher-quality information, and other indicators.

This year, we have been posting reports as and when they are ready. The first reports were put on line in February. We have made some minor corrections to the reports that were posted earlier this year, particularly to the first page of the School Reports.

As I noted to you in February, because you have disseminated the RIDE 2003 assessment and accountability report cards you are not required by law to disseminate these Information Works! reports to the entire school and district community. But I do encourage you to distribute these Information Works! reports as widely as practicable, both at School Report Nights and at other public gatherings and through whatever dissemination method you ordinarily use for communication with parents and others in your community.

If you have any questions about the reports, you may call Elliot Krieger, who is on my staff, at (401) 222-4600 ext. 2182.

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